

Adam Lauman Family History

Adam Lauman was born November 16, 1846. He was the oldest in the family of eight of Heinrich Wilhelm Laumann and Marie Idemann.

He came from near Hanover, Germany, and received his passport October 15, 1875 to America.

He was married to Katharina Kahle February 2, 1875. Three children was born to this union. After the passing of his wife he remarried to Dorothea Lansing. A daughter, Ella, was born who passed away in 1895.

In 1885 Adam Lauman donated 5 acres of his farm on which to erect a house of worship. The white wooden structure was 40 feet by 28 feet with a 53 foot tower and was completed in 1886. The three brothers, Adam, Gerhardt and Wilhelm was on the building committee for this church.

In 1893 a 6-room parsonage and a barn were built on the adjoining church property.

As the years passed this church became too small so the congregation decided to build a new church and a meeting was held in April of 1941. Dedication services were held December 13, 1942. The church being built on a high hill is a landmark of the community and can be seen from miles around. It is of medieval English Gothic design and is 36 feet wide by 88 feet in length with a seating capacity of about 300. It is constructed of texture faced brick of mingled shades and has a slate roof. Arches and ceiling ar of natural pine. The altar and pulpit, white with gold trim, were transferred from the old building as was the big bell in the tower. Not long after completion of the building an austin two-manual pipe organ was installed.

On September 14, 1895 Adam Lauman passed away from having an accident. The accident occurred when he was engaged in hauling stills for the purpose of building a corn crib. From some cause his team became frightened and ran away and he was thrown under the loaded wagon, and it passed over him thus breaking one of his legs. A physician was immediately called who set the fractured limb and dressed other wounds which resulted from the accident. For awhile Adam Lauman appeared to rest well, but owing to the extreme hot weather, inflammation set in and in a few days he yielded up his life.

A granddaughter, Mrs. Lee (Mae) Rolf still lives on his original farm which is located 1/4 mile west and 1/4 mile south of the church.